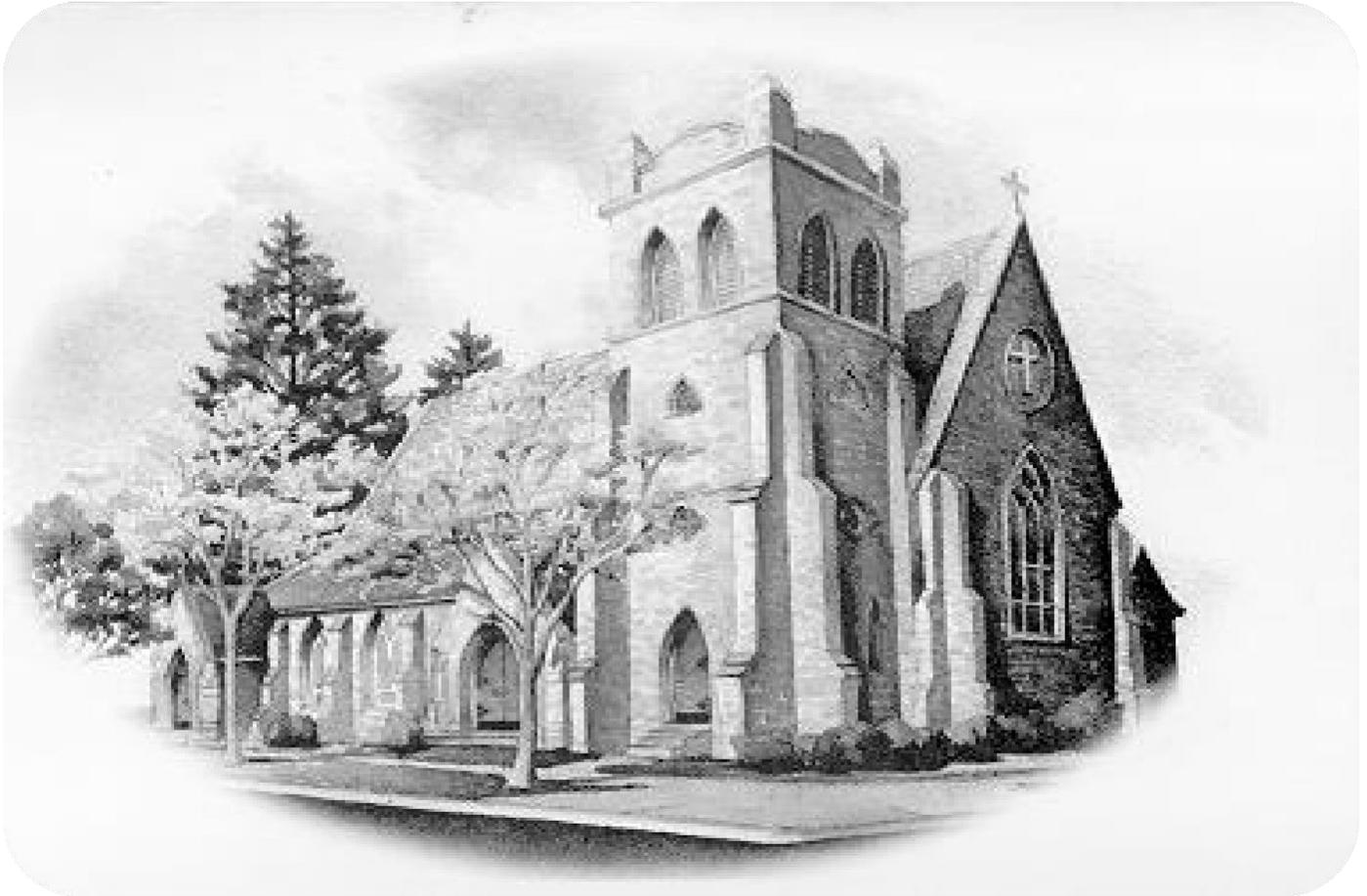


# CHRIST CHURCH

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY



The Episcopal Church in the Heart of Sussex County

Founded 1769  
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## Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Prelude: *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!*

Gilbert M. Martin

The Procession into the Church from the Newton Green

Organ: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Daniel Burton

Hymn 154: *All glory, laud, and honor*

Valet will ich dir geben

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson** Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**The Psalter** Psalm 31: 9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

**The Epistle**    Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 435: *At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow*

King's Weston

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder, *Interim Rector*

**The Prayers of the People**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask:  
Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

Anthem: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates* [from MESSIAH]

G. F. Handel

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. - (Psalm 24:7-10)*

Presentation Hymn

St. Flavian

And through these days of pen - i - tence, and  
 A - bide with us, that so, this life and  
 through thy Pas - sion - tide, yea, ev - er - more, in  
 suf - fering o - ver - past, an Eas - ter of un -  
 life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -  
 - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant*  
 There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:  
*Celebrant and People*  
 Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (*The three-fold Agnus Dei: Men, then women, then all*)

*Men*

*Women*

*All*

world, grant us thy peace.

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Communion: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. Don Freedenburg

Air: *If God be for us, who can be against us?* [from MESSIAH]

G. F. Handel

Shannah Yerofeyev, soprano

*If God be for us, who can be against us?*

*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

*Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather,*

*that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us. - Romans 8:31*

### Post Communion Prayer

*The Celebrant and People together*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn 168: *O sacred head, sore wounded (omit \*)*

Passion Chorale

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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Lector: Matt Genung  
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### We ask your prayers...

For those who are ill: Alex, Amy, Susy, Dan, Susanna, Valarie, Rick Jr., Joyce, Tom, Adriana, David, Greg, Carolyn, Olivia, Maura, Chris, Patsy, Gizelle, Ed, Jack, Siv, Jane, Valarie, Rick Jr., Maura, Juan, Lori, Elaine, Elizabeth, Jeanne, Carylsue and Amanda.

**For those serving in the armed forces:** Parker and Nicholas. **For those with child:** Alyssa.

**We rejoice with...** Alan Rosolen, Frank Johnson, Patricia Taggart, Nicole Halkyard, Christ Wortmann and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Janet H. Jenkins in loving memory of her husband The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Jenkins.

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

*Celebrant:* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *People:* **Amen**

*Celebrant:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen**

The Procession